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Patricia Van Gerpen Executive Director SD Public Utilities Commission 500 East Capitol Avenue Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Joint Request for Approval to change service providers to an electric customer submitted by West River Electric Association (WREA) and Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP)

Dear Patricia:

WREA and BHP respectfully submit this joint request to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for approval to change service providers to an electric customer. Due to circumstances existing prior to the service territory boundary descriptions put in place in 1975, BHP currently serves a residential customer by the name of Steven Lawler with an address of 7502 Erickson Ranch Road, Rapid City, SD 57702 in the WREA service territory. Mr. Lawler is BHP's only customer in the area.

BHP has been requested to relocate its infrastructure along Peaceful Pines Road (which intersects with Erickson Ranch Road) in Rapid City to accommodate a road construction project. This project will require a move of the underground power line that serves Mr. Lawler's residence. Since Mr. Lawler is the only customer served by this line, BHP and WREA have discussed transferring Mr. Lawler to WREA, thus avoiding a portion of the costs incurred through the road construction project. WREA has a distribution line in close proximity to Mr. Lawler's residence.

By allowing WREA to provide service to Mr. Lawler, unnecessary duplication of facilities will be avoided and costs to BHP's customers resulting from the road project will be minimized. In addition, Mr. Lawler will not be responsible for any costs incurred to extend service from WREA to his residence.

Please find a map showing the boundary line and details of the area for your review. If you require additional information or have questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

West River Electric Association

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Acknowledged and Agreed:

Steven Lawler

Black Hills Power, Inc.

Kan mole Glynda Rahn, Operations Manager

Date: 21 May 2012

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